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OPERATION BEACHHEAD

**HAMPTON BEACH MAN SENTENCED FOR
PERJURING HIMSELF BEFORE GRAND JURY**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, NH State Police Colonel Gary Sloper and the Drug Enforcement Agency New England Field Division Special Agent in Charge Mark Trouville announced the sentencing of John Joseph Clews age 49, of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire pursuant to a one-count indictment charging him with falsely testifying before a federal grand jury in U. S. District Court in Concord, NH. At a hearing conducted today in U. S. District Court, Judge Steven McAuliffe sentenced Clews to six months of home confinement to be followed by three years of probation. Clews was also fined \$2,000.

This case is related to an investigation known as "Operation Beachhead" which investigated illegal drug trafficking and illegal drug use in food and drink establishments in the Hampton Beach and Nashua, New Hampshire areas. The indictment alleged that before a Federal Grand Jury, Clews falsely testified regarding whether he purchased cocaine from a subject of the related investigation.

The case was investigated by the New Hampshire State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Mobile Enforcement Team in Boston. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark A. Irish and Clyde R.W. Garrigan.